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## **Carroll Elementary awarded \$1,500 ATPE Foundation literacy grant**

*CORSICANA, Texas* – The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) Foundation would like to recognize Carroll Elementary for winning a \$1,500 literacy grant.

Carroll librarian Sarah McBride applied for the foundation’s Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant with the hope of adding new books to a library collection in which the average age of the books is 15 years old.

“We desperately need the resources,” McBride wrote in her grant application. “Our campus has students coming from poverty settings who do not have the luxury of reading materials and books at home. This would be an amazing gift for our school to provide more books for our students.”

Ninety-eight percent of Carroll Elementary’s students are eligible for free or reduced lunches. The school will use the money to add titles to their non-fiction and fiction collections. Because 78 percent of their students are Hispanic, McBride wrote that she would also like to add Spanish literature to their library.

Through the Beth Ann Rogers Literacy Initiative Grant, the foundation provides \$1,500 grants to seven Texas public school libraries for the purchase and modernization of literacy materials and resources each year. The grant is named in memory of longtime Texas educator Beth Ann Rogers, who worked as a teacher, principal and school librarian throughout her 36-year career in public education.

For more information about the ATPE Foundation, visit [atpefoundation.org](http://atpefoundation.org).

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